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DATE: October 28, 2003

TO: Rebecca Scott
Senate Council

FROM: Lissa Holland
Graduate Council

The Graduate School
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The Graduate Council met on October 2, 2003 and approved the following:

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Nursing – Change in the Progression Requirements for the MSN

The faculty of the College of Nursing have approved and submit for your approval a change in the progression requirements for the MSN degree program. Graduate faculty would like to add the following to the current progression requirements for the MSN degree program:

- A minimum of 3.0 GPA in all graduate nursing courses is required for graduation, in addition to a cumulative 3.0 graduate GPA over all graduate courses.

Effective Date: Fall, 2003

Rationale for proposal:

Current progression requirements for the MSN degree program include the following:

- A minimum 3.0 cumulative graduate GPA;
- A minimum of a grade of B or better in all graduate nursing courses with a clinical component is required for progression to the next clinical course and for graduation.

Although together these requirements ensure a level of academic excellence within the program, faculty note they do not address the issues that result when students have a large number of graduate credits outside of nursing. It is possible in situations such as these for students to have earned a 3.0 cumulative graduate GPA, but fail to achieve at a high level in those MSN courses without a clinical component. Such courses are most often core courses within the MSN program. Faculty believe that it is critical for MSN students to earn a grade of B or better in all graduate nursing courses (both core and clinical) in order to possess the level of expertise needed by advanced practice nurses for board certification and for quality practice.



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Dr. Jeffrey B. Dembo, Chair
Senate Council
153 Bowman Hall
CAMPUS 0059

Dear Dr. Dembo:

At its meeting on October 2, 2003, the Graduate Council approved, and recommends approval by the Senate Council, for the proposal from the College of Nursing to change the progression requirements for the MSN Degree Program.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeannine Blackwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jeannine Blackwell, Dean
The Graduate School

Enclosures

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cc: Rebecca Scott
Jaque Hager



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April 23, 2003

Douglass S. Kalika, Ph.D., Chair
Graduate Council
359 Patterson Office Tower
CAMPUS 0027

Dear Dr. Kalika:

At its meeting on April 22, 2003, the Academic Council for the Medical Center approved, and recommends approval by the Graduate Council, for the proposal from the College of Nursing to change the progression requirements for the MSN Degree Program.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis P. Nash/co". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Phyllis P. Nash, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

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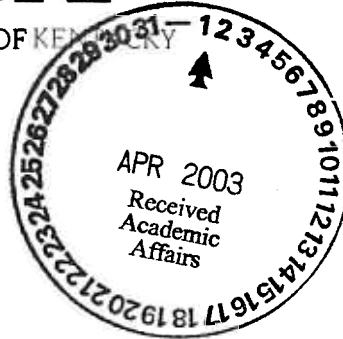
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2003

TO: Dr. James Holsinger, Jr.
Senior Vice President and Chancellor, Medical Center
Chair, Academic Council for the Medical Center

FROM: Dr. Carolyn A. Williams *CAW*
Dean, College of Nursing

SUBJECT: Change in progression requirements for the MSN degree program

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TO: Deans, Department Chairs, Members of the University Senate

FROM: Dr. Carolyn A. Williams *add*
Dean, College of Nursing

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